



Some students at Eastern say they love shoes so much that dozens of pairs fill their closets. Both guys and girls seem to be affected by this craze. Turn to Accent for more.

New center might replace bowling alley

Internet lounge possibility for vacant space

By MEGAN HANSEN
News editor

The bowling alley was sold nearly two months ago, but the space still sits vacant in the basement of the Powell Building.

"There are a lot of long-term plans for the space," said Lance Melching, Student Government Association president.

A committee met Tuesday morning to discuss options for the space, Melching said.

Since the space is in the student center, it should be used for students, Melching said.

"Eventually, we would like to have a student group work space," he said.

There has been discussion to make the space something "mall-like" with a hair salon and other services, Melching said.

"There is no money for that type of plan though," Melching said. "We all know the university has other things to do with money."

The tentative plan is to put a wireless computer center and possibly a computer-technology classroom that would be used by the English department, he said.

Mona Isaacs, Interim Director of Information Technology and Delivery Services, said her office is proposing a wireless computer lounge where students can bring their laptops.

"We would also like a drop-in

computer lounge," Isaacs said. "The lab upstairs in Powell gets so much traffic; it would be nice to have another lab."

Isaacs said they want to be able to provide services to the students but fit the needs of the building as well.

"We have no definite plans for the space," said James Conneely, vice president of Student Affairs. "No decisions have been made as to what (the space) will be."

Conneely said the committee recommends several things for the space. He said it will not just be a wireless computer center.

"We will also have to look at the financial feasibility for the space," Conneely said.

Melching said information technology has the money to move ahead with the renovation of the space. When the technology goes out of date, the space will be turned into something different.

James Street, director of Facilities Services, said no matter what eventually goes into the space, several renovations will have to take place.

"The heating, ventilation system and air conditioning all need to be overhauled regardless as to what is done with the space," Street said.

The electrical system will have to be upgraded to support whatever goes into the space, and the lighting will need to be improved, he said.

"It was originally constructed as a bowling alley, so parts of it will have to be reconstructed to fit whatever goes in there," Street said.

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Sewer-gas leak forces evacuation

By BRITTNEY HAYNES
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The Student Services Building was evacuated Thursday afternoon when an odor was detected.

According to a police report, Facility Services contacted public safety at 1:05 p.m. to report an odor coming from the first floor computer lab.

Sandra Moore, a special assistant to the provost in the diversity office, said she smelled the odor while leaving the building.

"It didn't smell like anything I smelled on a regular basis," Moore said. "I couldn't identify the smell."

When Moore returned to the building, she said she could still smell the odor. Moore said the odor became stronger while walking toward the computer lab.

Gina Wirtz, the senior office associate in information technology, reported it to Facility Services when Moore informed her there was an odor. Wirtz said she was concerned for the safety of students.

The building was evacuated and the Richmond Fire Department began to work on determining what the odor was. The building was searched three times, said Assistant Chief Buzzy Campbell of the fire department.

A gas meter was used to determine the odor was sewer gas. The gas meter gave a reading of 35 parts per million outside the building, according to the police report.

The gas the meter read was hydrogen sulfide, Campbell said. There should be 21 parts per million to breathe well,

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SMOKE OUT



Carter Kolb, 22, a geography major from Cincinnati, lites up a cigarette at Woody's Restaurant and Bar downtown Tuesday night.

Local group encourages smoke-free environments

By MEGAN HANSEN
News editor

It's been more than a year since the smoking ban, which prohibits smoking in all public buildings, went into effect in Lexington.

"I don't go out to eat in Lexington anymore," said Noreena Presutto, a freshman psychology major from Lexington, who smokes.

Recently, the Madison County Health Department began running commercials with a restaurant employee complaining about having to wait tables in a smoking section.

"We're launching a media ad campaign to educate people on the dangers of second-hand smoke," said Kelly Owens, health educator and tobacco-prevention coordinator for the Madison County Health Department.

The health department has given out surveys to the community to fill out about second-hand smoke and the effects it has on the body.

"A majority of the people who have responded said they knew second-hand smoke was bad for them," Owens said.

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Above: A sign at Madison Gardens, a downtown restaurant and bar, directs customers to the dome for smoke-free dining. Like most restaurants and bars in Richmond, Madison Gardens allows smoking inside.



Left: Larry Bumphrey holds a cigarette while dining at Madison Gardens.

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Professors, students study century-old stain at historic home



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Vernon Stubblefield examines a stain at the historic Herndon Home in Richmond. The 142-year-old stain is believed to be a blood stain from a Confederate soldier brought to the home in the 1800s.

By ADAM BAKER
Editor

Like a scene out of CSI, an Eastern chemistry professor is working to solve a 142-year-old mystery.

Last Wednesday, Vernon Stubblefield started investigating a century-and-a-half-old bloodstain in the historic Herndon Home in Richmond.

The stain, buried under some type of varnish on the second floor of the residence, is said to be blood from an injured Confederate soldier brought to the home during the Battle of Richmond in 1862.

"Historically, it's a very interesting situation," Stubblefield said. "The stain has kind of got a little mystery about it. It's been there a long time, so people have wondered about it."

Bob Moody, a member of the Battle of Richmond Association and Madison County Historical Society, said the home was built in 1824, and the story of

"The stain has kind of got a little mystery about it. It's been there a long time, so people wondered about it."

—Vernon Stubblefield
Chemistry professor

the injured soldier has been passed down since the battle in 1862.

"My opinion is it's a pretty accurate local legend," he said. "Based on the people who have passed it down."

Criminal-justice graduate students participating in the Kentucky Innocence Project are observing Stubblefield's investigation to learn more about testing for traces of blood.

The Kentucky Innocence

Project is a joint program with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. It allows students to investigate serious crimes where the person accused of the crime has exhausted all their appeals and still claims to be innocent, according to Bill Nixon, a criminal-justice professor and faculty coordinator for the project.

Nixon said he has been

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Happenings

• FRIDAY

6 p.m.
The women's basketball team will take on Radford at McBrayer Arena in the second game of the ECU Comfort Suites Tip-Off Classic.

• SATURDAY

The OVC volleyball championship tournament will be held through Monday at McBrayer Arena.

Noon
The Tip-Off Classic consolation game will be held at McBrayer Arena.

2 p.m.
The Tip-Off Classic championship game will be held at McBrayer Arena.

• SUNDAY

7 p.m.
SUBS, a Bible study with free food, will be held at the Baptist Student Union.

• MONDAY

8 a.m.
Registration for the intramural three-point contest will be held through 5 p.m. Tuesday.

8 p.m.
The ECU Orchestra will hold a concert in Brock Auditorium.

• TUESDAY

7:30 p.m.
The men's basketball team will take on Webster at McBrayer Arena.

8 p.m.
Collegiate, Black Christians will host Minister Mario Radford of Bracktown Baptist Church in the Meditation Chapel. The event is open to the public.

8:12 p.m.
There will be a worship service at the Baptist Student Union.

9 p.m.
Classes will end for Thanksgiving Break.

• WEDNESDAY

University offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break.

News briefs

Alumni association seeking award nominations

The alumni association is seeking nominations for five alumni awards, which include: the Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award, the Alumni Achievement Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award and the Young Alumni Award.

The Alumni Executive Council Honors Committee will review all applications, which require an information sheet and a resume. For a copy of the application form, send an e-mail to jackie.ballinger@eku.edu.

Faculty members receive statewide recognition

Four department of health faculty members received

awards Oct. 30 at the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. Those who received awards include:

- Merita Thompson and Donald Calitri, who were selected to receive Life Member Awards;
- Vickie Sanchez, who was selected as the Outstanding College/University Health Educator;
- and Tim Cahill, who received the Distinguished Service Award.

Date Auction to be held Tuesday after Thanksgiving

The Cheer for the Cure Committee will host the second-annual campus-wide Date Auction at 9 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Student Services Building Auditorium. Cheer for the Cure sponsors many activities to benefit breast-cancer

research and awareness, and the Date Auction's proceeds will be donated to the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

Eastern to host 12 schools for special showcase

Students from 12 central and southeastern Kentucky school systems will attend the Student Technology Leadership Program Showcase from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday in the Keen Johnson Building. The public is invited to attend from 11 a.m.-noon.

Communication department to host career day

The department of communication's annual career day will be held from 8:30 p.m.-

noon Dec. 3 in the Perkins Building. The event will feature representatives from WLEX-TV and Lexmark, and Debra Hoskins from Centre College's Norton Center for the Arts will give the keynote address.

Registration is required to attend, and the registration deadline is Nov. 23. Registration is \$5 for the noon luncheon.

Student-affairs information session to focus on careers

An information session for students interested in a career in student affairs will be held at 8 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Kennamer Room of the Powell Building and at 4 p.m. Dec. 1 in Student Services Building Room 353. Students are invited to attend either session, which will cover graduate schools and career placement.

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Police beats

*The following reports were filed with Eastern's Division of Public Safety.

Nov. 5

Amanda Stevens reported a vehicle's rear windshield was shattered in the Student Services Building parking lot.

Nov. 7

John Cox reported that Sarah Ashley was bleeding from the nose. Witnesses told an Eastern Public Safety officer that Ashley had been in an altercation with a juvenile.

Stephanie N. Hodge, of Todd Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Matthew D. Cawood, of Commonwealth Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 8

Neville Lyons reported that a traffic pole had been stolen from the Student Services Building parking lot.

Nov. 9

Pam F. Stone reported someone had removed the face plate from her in-dash CD player in the Mattox parking lot.

Alison Memory reported the passenger side mirror on her vehicle had been broken. There appeared to be pieces of pumpkin on the mirror and the side window. Damages were estimated at \$100 to \$150.

Nov. 10

Daniel Dougherty reported that the fountain in front of the Powell Building was foaming up as if soap had been put in the water.

Johnda L. Wireman reported her keys were missing

from the training room in the Moberly Building.

Ashley G. Hernon reported that her room in Walters Hall had been burglarized and only money was taken.

Nov. 11

Facility Services reported an odor in the Student Services Building that was making people nauseous. The building was evacuated. The odor was determined to be sewer gas by the Richmond Fire Department.

Nov. 12

David Williams reported that a Facility Services employee had used a Facility Services gas card to put fuel into his personal vehicle.

Nov. 13

Timothy B. Williamson, of Richmond, was arrested for

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and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol first offense.

Nov. 14

Jesse L. Knuckles, of Corbin, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Joshua J. Bailey, of Midland, Ohio, was arrested for and charged with alcohol intoxication.

Nov. 15

Brandon M. Mauch, of Commonwealth Hall, was arrested for and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance (Clonazepam) third degree, possession of a controlled substance (Diazepam) third degree, possession of a legend drug (Depakote), possession of a legend drug (Promethazine) and possession of a legend drug (Scroquill).

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Firefighters prepare equipment to take air-quality readings inside the Student Services Building. The building was evacuated Thursday because of an odor reported in the computer lab.

SSB: Employee taken to hospital

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according to the Richmond Fire Department.

Students and staff members who had been in the building were asked to move to the Powell Building until the building was reopened because of the rainy weather, Campbell said.

Jordan Truett was in the computer lab when the building was evacuated. Truett did not smell anything, he said.

Colmon Elridge, a graduate student of public administration, was also in the building when it was evacuated. Elridge also did not smell anything, he said.

The odor occurred because there was not enough water in the drain traps, Campbell said.

After ventilating the building, a gas-meter reading was taken inside the building.

The meter read that there were six parts per million in the air, according to the police report. Once ventilated, the building was reopened.

A senior office associate was taken to Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center after feeling lightheaded, according to the police report. It was not known whether the odor caused the symptoms.

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SMOKE: Some say ban would hurt county

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The health department will take the feedback from the community and decide where to go from there, she said. As of now, the health department is not planning to push for a smoking ban in Madison County, but depending on the feedback they get, they might.

Last fall, Robert Blythe, city commissioner and mathematics professor, proposed to the Richmond City Commission a smoking ban that would prohibit smoking in all government-owned buildings.

"We are going to try to encourage businesses to go smoke-free without a ban," Owens said.

Presutto thinks a smoking ban would hurt Madison County.

"I won't go out to eat here if they implement one," she said. "I know people who come to Richmond from Lexington just to smoke in a restaurant."

Justin Allen, a senior broadcasting major from Berea, is a server at Papa Leno's and a nonsmoker.

"I would not favor a smoking ban," he said.

Allen said people have specifically told him they come to Richmond to go out to eat because they can smoke in restaurants.

Owens said right now they are just getting people's thoughts on second-hand smoke and a smoking ban.

"(Second-hand smoke) is a huge health problem," she said.

Presutto understands why nonsmokers would want a smoke-free restaurant.

"If I didn't smoke, I probably wouldn't want to breathe (second-hand smoke) in," she said. "Then again, a lot of people do smoke; this is Kentucky."

Even after the tests, though, Stubblefield said the mystery might not be totally solved. He said if the tests are negative, it doesn't "necessarily 100 percent mean it's not blood."

"Either it's not blood, it is some other substance that just kind of has a color like blood or it may be that for some reason the stain is so old the stain is not catalyzing with the reagent," he said. "So there is a little uncertainty here."

Either way, he said it's a good way to teach the students a little about forensic science.

"I think it will be a pretty good learning experience for them," he said. "Some of them probably have never seen a test. A big part of this is educational above anything else."

He said it's also important to show there is a lot of Hollywood in popular science programs such as CSI.

"The problem is ... they've got an hour to do a program, so they hand something to somebody and almost immediately get an answer back," he said. "It's not that way in reality. Some things take a lot of time."

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STAIN: Criminal-justice graduate students observe investigation

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fascinated by the mystery at the Herndon Home for a long time.

"I thought it would just be a wonderful opportunity for Eastern to join with the battlefield association to answer some of these questions," he said.

Nixon added one of the cases the students are investigating through the Kentucky Innocence Project might involve blood splatter, which they are learning more about through the Herndon Home investigation.

Eric Turner, one of the eight graduate students participating in the project, said the case at the Herndon Home is a good chance for he and the other students to see how various types of blood tests are conducted.

"In our case (for the Kentucky Innocence Project) we have some blood evidence, and we're probably going to have to do the same or some similar tests," he said.

Stubblefield explained he is using phenolphthalein and luminal tests to determine whether the stain is really blood.



Jerry McKinney, caretaker of the Herndon Home, scrapes at a stain on the floor. Some think the stain is blood from a soldier.

A phenolphthalein test, he said, reacts with hemoglobin in the blood and turns pink to indicate a positive test. The other type, the luminal test, is a type of fluorescent test that causes blood to glow in the dark.

"It's a popular test; you've seen that on CSI," he said.

Stubblefield said this case is rather challenging for a couple of reasons.

"You're talking about a stain now that's been on this surface for a long time and absorbed into the wood," he said. "The floor's been sanded, and then this coating's been put on it."

He added he has some doubt that the stain is actually blood.

"The stain is kind of a deep red wood-type stain," he said. "People that look at it would say 'Oh well, that looks like

blood.' My experience with old bloodstains is that they turn dark, so I'm a little suspicious about this one."

Turner, however, said he thinks the stain is probably blood.

"That's been the rumor for so long, my guess is that it is blood, but I don't know if we'll get a definitive test or not," he said.

Stubblefield explained after he can remove the coating over the stain, he will then try to answer the century-and-a-half-old riddle by submitting the stain to both tests.

"There are very sensitive tests," he said. "You can spill blood on the floor and actually mop it up, and there are still traces of blood there. Even traces of blood will show up; it's really hard to clean blood up completely."

Nixon agrees with Turner and said he also thinks the stain at the historic home is probably blood.

"It's something that's been passed down from generations in Madison County," he said. "There's got to be some substance to it. Most of those legends turn out to be true. I would be surprised if it was not blood."

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Student reports campus assault

By TRACY HANEY
Managing editor

A Combs Hall resident has decided not to press charges after filing a report with Eastern's Division of Public Safety claiming she was assaulted and held against her will by a male acquaintance, according to Assistant Police Chief Rick Cox.

Cox said the student reported meeting the man the night of Nov. 6 at his vehicle in Martin Lot at his request, and they then drove around Richmond. She said the man refused to let her out of the vehicle when she asked and later returned her to campus at his own discretion.

The alleged victim told public safety the man also threat-

ened her, grabbed her by the arm and slapped her in the face.

Cox said no weapons were reportedly involved in the incident and if the man, who is from out of state, comes back to campus, public safety will apprehend him.

"At this time, we're not expecting him to make a repeat appearance," Cox said.

The alleged victim can still file criminal charges against the man for unlawful imprisonment, assault in the fourth degree or terroristic threatening in the third degree.

The report will continue to be investigated, Cox said.

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Rollin'

Criminal-justice major Travis Rhodes pitches during a kickball game Tuesday afternoon in Irvine McDowell Park.

Smokeout highlights health risks

By MEGAN HANSEN
News editor

For the past 27 years, the American Cancer Society has encouraged smokers to kick the habit during the Great American Smokeout.

As part of the national smokeout, Eastern will have its own celebration Thursday, said Amanda Woods, health educator.

Each year, more than 400,000 Americans die from smoke-related deaths, according to the Center for Disease Control. During the smokeout, people are encouraged to smoke less or not smoke at all that day.

Woods is unsure how long the event has been occurring on campus.

"I (organized Eastern's smokeout) last year, but it is my understanding that different groups have been organizing activities for several years," Woods said.

From 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Powell Corner, Woods and other volunteers will be passing out information on the negative impacts of smoking, the cost of smoking and the dangers of all forms of tobacco use, Woods said.

Last year, students signed pledges vowing not to smoke; this year wristbands will be distributed to students.

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"For students who do not smoke, they will get a black wristband that states, 'Smart, Sexy, Smoke free!' and for students who smoke, they will get a blue wristband that says, 'I've got the Power,'" Woods said.

Mr. Ciggy Buttz will be mak-

ing an appearance to pass out information to students who do not visit the Great American Smokeout booth.

At the booth, there will be a display with a simulated smoker's lung comparison kit, a jar that has a year's worth of tar

in it and a Dip-N-Decay model that shows what happens to a healthy mouth when people use smokeless tobacco, Woods said.

This year, the ACS is also encouraging people to stop the use of smokeless tobacco. According to chewfree.com, more than 121,000 people in Kentucky are regular smokeless tobacco users.

People who use smokeless tobacco have just as much, if not more nicotine in their bloodstreams than smokers who smoke a pack of cigarettes or more a day.

Woods said quitting smoking is difficult.

"It is important to surround yourself with support when you try to quit smoking," Woods said.

During the smokeout, Woods will ask students to encourage their friends who smoke to quit for the day and become a support for them.

The Student Health Services offers a smoking-cessation program every semester called the Cooper Clayton Program.

"The Cooper Clayton Program is approximately 90 percent effective," Woods said.

The program meets weekly and is free. For information contact Woods at 622-6221.

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Animal rescue, safety focus of 'big' gift

By LUKE MCGEE
Contributing writer

Eastern received a gift of \$25,000 in an effort to train the fire and safety engineering technology program students on how to rescue large animals. The training will begin in March and will focus on the rescue and safety of live animals with the help of trained animals, in particular horses and a llama.

The gift is coordinated with the "Bucks for Brains" program, which makes the training possible. The dates for the seminars are March 18-20 for the

students, and for the general public, the seminars are March 22-24. This training covers all aspects of large-animal rescue. Some of the things the program will touch on are natural disaster and highway assistance. The reason to train in that vast of a field is so the rescue teams can be prepared to deal with all sorts of disasters when the students are dispersed after graduation. With this program, there is a video for anyone who would like to order to find out more information.

Experts in large-animal rescue said with these programs

people are better-equipped and ready for the tasks at hand. In many cases, when disasters happen the animal is further injured or even killed as a result of poor rescue tactics. With these programs, those gut-wrenching stories of animals perishing will diminish, and the animals will be rescued with swift and smart timing.

"These programs are designed to promote the idea of educating the emergency responders on how to handle large animals," said Larry Collins, chair of the department of loss prevention and safety.

The USRider Equestrian Motor Plan founded the adoption of this program. This organization educates people in the safety of large animals and provides 24-hour roadside assistance. "We are happy to work with them," Collins said.

To contact USRider, visit www.usrider.org or call 1-800-844-1409. To talk to the development office on campus, call 622-1583. For more information about the program, call Larry Collins at 622-1054.

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Dorm-security plans delayed

By **BRITTNEY HAYNES**
Assistant news editor

Added security for Eastern's resident halls has been delayed.

University housing hoped there would be halls that had active proximity card-readers before the Thanksgiving break, according to Kenna Middleton, director of university housing.

Halls will not be active, yet because of complications in ordering the call boxes that will accompany the card readers, Middleton said.

"There were some things that were out of our control," Middleton said. "We cannot go live without students being able to call in (to the resident halls)."

There are four residence halls that have the wiring completed and hardware installed for the card-readers. The other halls are in the process of having them installed.

The process of putting residents' information into the reader's computer system has also caused delays. Residents' names, student ID numbers and proximity card-reader numbers must be collected and hand-entered, Middleton said. This process must be completed for each residence hall.

Once the card-readers have been activated, residents will need to use their student IDs to enter their residence hall. Visitors will be able to use the call boxes to call a resident or to call the front desk.

Tracy Keller, a desk worker at Clay Hall, thinks the card-readers will make the residence halls safer, she said. Only having a card reader on one door will be a hassle, Keller said. It will also be a hassle when food is delivered to residents, she added.

However, in the long run the card-readers will be beneficial, Keller said.

Chris Compton, a desk worker at Case Hall, thinks the card-readers will make his job easier because he will not have to check residents' IDs, he said. The biggest problem will be one person scanning his or her card and allowing people to come in behind them, Compton said.

"The success of this program depends on all of us working together," Middleton said. "The system is only as good as the people who use it."

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HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: MARTIN HALL

Hall community important to RHC

By **CHUCK WILKERSON**
Staff writer

Martin Hall residence hall coordinator Steve Greenwell said he brings friendship, an open door and a listening ear to the students he is in charge of.

"I talk to them about life in general — things as serious as the decision to stay in college or leave college, family issues, or just playing a game of football," he said.

Martin Hall is an all-male dorm and the residence hall in which many of the football players live.

Some people might think an all-male hall would be rowdy, but Greenwell doesn't see it that way.

"The guys are excellent," he said. "An all-guy hall is a lot of fun. I haven't experienced (rowdiness) at all. It's really laid-back, and everyone has a good time."

Greenwell graduated from Oldham County High School before receiving a double major in history and geography from Morehead State University. Greenwell discovered his love of working with students in the residence halls while serving two years as a residential assistant at Morehead.

He spent a lot of time with



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Steve Greenwell, a graduate of Morehead State University, is in his second year as a residence hall coordinator at Eastern.

the students during his resident assistant experience and felt it gave the students the opportunity to have someone to rely upon for counsel, which was something he found he enjoyed a lot.

Greenwell is in his second year as an RHC at Eastern. He was drawn to the position because Eastern has a housing program similar to Morehead's, which meant it was something of which he was familiar.

He served as RHC for Todd Hall last year before moving over to Martin.

As much as he loves working with the students, Greenwell said there are also some drawbacks to working as an RHC.

"You don't get to leave (the hall) at the end of the day," he said. "A lot of people at Eastern get to go home at night but RHCs don't."

However, Greenwell enjoys hanging out with the students,

he enjoys the sense of community that the students bring to the hall and all the activities that are provided.

"We have the annual Martin Hall 'Cribs,' which is similar to the MTV show of the same name," he said. "It's a yearly program we do where we have the guys dress up their rooms at the beginning of the semester. We video tape the rooms and then have a viewing where members of the University's administration come and judge on each of the rooms."

Greenwell has nothing but praise for the group of RAs who work with him.

"I have a great staff," he said. "They've been excellent and always take care of business."

Greenwell notes that it takes dedication to do the job, but he feels he has one characteristic, which helps him above all others.

"I'm a jack of all trades and a master of none," he said. "By being able to know a lot of things, you can connect with anybody. I think that's the biggest trait that I have. I can talk to anyone. It doesn't matter who they are."

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SGA committee addresses policy of signs in windows

By **MEGAN HANSEN**
News editor

Several members of the Student Government Association are hoping to change the policy implemented by the office of housing this semester, which prohibits window décor in dorm windows.

"We want to make sure students have the best experience possible while at Eastern," said Chris Thomason, Residence Life Council member. "The more we can make campus living similar to home living, the better, and hanging stuff in your windows is important to make campus living more like home living."

Members of the student-rights committee, Student Senate, RLC and the Student Activities Council have joined forces to investigate the signs policy and hopefully make changes to the policy, Thomason said.

"We hope to alter the policy in a way where all parties involved can be satisfied," he said.

Thomason said initially the

committee would research to see if Eastern's benchmark schools have similar policies.

The committee will compare the policies at the benchmark schools to the policy at Eastern and find the difference between the other policies and Eastern's policy, Thomason said.

"We hope to use those differences to persuade the people who make policies to change them," he said.

Lana Riney, coordinator of housing and residence life at Western Kentucky University, told The Progress Western typically doesn't have a problem with window décor.

She said the university mostly focuses on Christmas lights or neon lights in the dorm windows.

Housing is more concerned with content of what is hung in the windows than the fact there are things in the windows at WKU, Riney said.

She explained that if someone wanted to hang something "really controversial such as a Rebel flag," they would have a conversation with the student

to determine his or her intent.

At the University of Kentucky, Brenda Stamper, the housing director said the university does not enforce a policy prohibiting window décor.

"When students are in their rooms, we don't tell them they can't put signs in their windows or a Christmas tree in the window," Stamper said. "It's their room; (they should) decorate as they wish."

Thomason believes allowing students to hang signs in their dorm windows complements the "real college life."

"It gives campus personality," he said. "It shows that students care enough about issues and organizations on campus to want to promote them."

By posting signs in dorm windows, it shows students care about real things that have an impact on their lives, Thomason said.

"Ultimately, it is the students we are trying to help by forming this committee," he said.

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WEKU expands signal area

By **ADAM BAKER**
Editor

This month, WEKU, Eastern's National Public Radio affiliate, expanded its signal to reach more areas across the Bluegrass.

A new grant from the Federal Communications Commission has allowed WEKU to add low-powered transmitters in Barbourville and Pikeville.

The transmitters will provide limited service to the communities, said Tim Singleton, station manager at WEKU.

"We've had requests since at least 1989 to provide service to the Barbourville and Pikeville areas and had investigated the possibilities several times," he said.

He explained it wasn't until recently that the station was able to file applications with the FCC to obtain the additional frequencies.

"We were able to negotiate free tower space in Pikeville and a location in Barbourville to erect a tower that had been donated to WEKU by Madison County," he said.

He added the county was able to give the station the space through the endorsement and guidance of Kent Clark, Madison County judge executive.

"The tower had been removed from service and was surplus to the county's operations," he said.



Eun-Young You/Progress

Eastern's National Public Radio affiliate, WEKU, added low-powered transmitters in Barbourville and Pikeville through a new grant.

WEKU will be broadcast on 96.9 in Barbourville and on 95.1 in Pikeville. Barbourville began receiving signal Nov. 8 while Pikeville went online Monday.

"The transmitters provide a more reliable signal to listeners in those communities," he said. "We've had listeners in the areas for some time, but reception from the present facilities was marginal and unreliable."

Singleton added WEKU has submitted applications to the

FCC for other transmitters in Harlan and Middlesboro.

"Those are on hold until we can resolve some technical issues," he said.

WEKU has served Richmond and central Kentucky since 1968 with Hazard being added later. In 2003, WEKU began broadcasting in Corbin and London.

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Smoke Signals



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Smoking ban should be choice, not law

The Madison County Health Department would be wise not to consider the needlessly divisive idea of a smoking ban for restaurants and bars in Richmond.

Much bickering on the issue will take place between antismoking groups crusading for nonsmokers' rights and anti-smoking-ban groups defending smokers' rights to smoke, but both will overlook a fundamental issue: Restaurant and bar owners run their businesses, not Madison County officials.

It is these owners who should make the decision as to whether their restaurant or their bar should be nonsmoking.

This way, both smokers and non-

smokers are allowed to make a choice. Smokers would be free to smoke in certain restaurants or bars, and they would be free to step outside for a smoke at others; nonsmokers would be free to breathe clean air in the restaurant or bar of their choice, or they could choose one that allows smoking if they don't mind it.

Of course, this setup is no different than it is now in Madison County, where most restaurants and bars do allow smoking, but a totally nonsmoking restaurant isn't without precedent. Thomas & King, a franchise owner of Applebee's in seven states, including Kentucky, has banned smoking in its 85

restaurants, including the Applebee's in Richmond.

One stop by the Richmond Applebee's on a Thursday night or a Sunday afternoon will show it isn't hurting business.

An owners'-choice smoking option then puts a lot of power – and responsibility – in the hands of customers. Customers need to tell restaurant and bar owners whether they want a smoke-free atmosphere or they prefer to be able to smoke at their table.

And the owners will have to listen, as they have at Applebee's. Otherwise, customers will simply choose to go elsewhere.

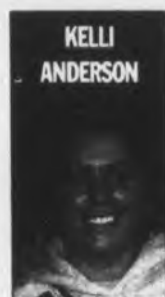
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WEKU has recently extended its listening area by putting up new towers. Accent editor Kasey Doyle asked students whether they have ever listened to it.



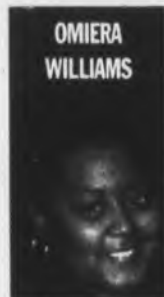
**KYLE
MACLEAN**
Hometown:
Lexington
Major: Computer
science
Year: Freshman

I don't because I wasn't informed of it.



**KELLI
ANDERSON**
Hometown:
Dayton, Ohio
Major: Public
relations
Year: Sophomore

No. I've never heard of it.



**OMIERA
WILLIAMS**
Hometown:
Louisville
Major:
Communication
disorders
Year: Junior

I've seen it a couple of times.



**ELIZABETH
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I don't listen to it. I just see what is going on then I change it.

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WEKU extended its service into how many new counties?

- a) 30
- b) Two
- c) Nine

What might fill the old bowling-alley space?

- a) A wireless computer center
- b) A full-service hair and nail salon
- c) A shrine to Progress Editor Adam Baker

Graduate students are studying a stain on the floor in what building?

- a) Fountain food court
- b) Herndon Home
- c) The kitchen floor of President Glasser's house



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This fire truck was used during what?

- a) A fire on the 40th floor of Commonwealth Hall
- b) A car wreck in the Martin Hall Parking Lot
- c) The evacuation of the Student Services Building

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Lack of info makes planning double wedding hard



Megan Hansen
My Turn

Seven months from today, I will be standing at the altar, marrying the man of my dreams.

When Stephen asked me to marry him 19 months ago, I knew it would be a long road planning my wedding, being a full-time student and working for The Progress, but I couldn't wait to start planning.

Right off the bat, Stephen and I decided we would wait until we both graduated before tying the knot. We knew we would be engaged for two years, but it was OK because it would give us the time to plan the wedding of my dreams.

A few months after Stephen popped the question, my older sister also got engaged. My sister and her fiancé also were looking at the summer of 2005 to get married.

Last fall, about six months after getting engaged, Stephen and I picked a date for our wedding, June 4, 2005.

I had not told my sister the date that we had chosen when I learned that they had also chosen a date for their wedding, June 18, 2005.

All I could think was, "How are we going to handle two weddings in our family in a span of two weeks?"

Growing up, my sister and I were not close, but as we got older we became better friends and began to actually enjoy each other's company. A bridesmaid's mom was married in a double wedding with her sister, and after talking to my bridesmaid, I decided it would be fun to do a double wedding with my sister.

“How are we going to handle two weddings in our family in a span of two weeks?”

—Megan Hansen
student

wedding with my sister.

I called my sister that night and asked her what she thought about the idea. She thought it would be fun and something that all our guests would remember.

We decided to we would have our double wedding extravaganza on June 18.

One of the first things I did after we decided to have a double wedding was to try to find information about how to

do a double wedding. I quickly learned that there is really no information on double weddings anywhere.

Planning a double wedding has been absolutely crazy but wonderful. My sister already had her dress, so one of the big decisions we had to make was what type of dress would I have? Would I get one that matched hers? Would I get one that complemented hers? Would I get what I wanted and

not worry about matching—not to use the same colors, but our colors will match. I am using light pink, she is using celadon green.

I went to Cincinnati looking for my wedding dress with my mom and dad (yes, I did say my dad went with me to get my dress). I found the dress of my dreams, and as soon as I tried it on, I knew I had to have it.

My dress doesn't match my sister's, but we will complement each other nicely.

Besides picking wedding dresses, there are so many other things that are made more complicated when having a double wedding. We had to decide on how we are going to do attendants. (Luckily, my sister and I are both fairly laid-back, so we have agreed to both do what we want, and we will make it all work out.)

Our wedding is going to be huge; Stephen and I have 10 attendants total, and as of right now my sister and her fiancé have eight. We have agreed

We have yet to determine invitations, flowers and lots of other details, but oh well.

Everyone always asks me how we are going to do the ceremony, and honestly I don't know that yet. I guess we'll figure it out closer to the wedding.

I can't wait to get married, and sharing that special day with my sister will make it even more exciting.

Maybe a few years down the road, I'll write a book about planning a double wedding because it would have been so nice to have instructions as to how to do it, but it's been fun figuring it out for ourselves.

Megan is a senior journalism major from Lexington. She is the news editor for The Progress.

► letters to the editor

Abortion not answer; student shares story of adoption with others

This letter is in response to a letter published in last week's edition of The Progress. In the letter, the author refused the ignorance of two young men who assumed that women who choose to have abortions are a debt to society as well as selfish sluts. I agree—economically, abortions are not detrimental to society, and a woman who chooses to have an abortion is not a slut; however, there are two key points the author makes in which I must disagree.

The author states, "... It is a fact that four out of five adolescent mothers go on Welfare within five years of giving birth ... Your tax dollars go to those women." Although most people assume that the majority of Welfare recipients are adolescent mothers, statistics from government sources show that only 7 percent of female Welfare recipients are under the age of 20 (www.acf.dhhs.gov). On a less-economic note, how do you place a value on human life? No amount of money, resources or lack thereof should be a deciding factor as to whether such a precious gift as life is given or destroyed.

Second, I believe that a woman who chooses to have an abortion for the reasons suggested in the author's letter can only be labeled as selfish. The author states: "These women also couldn't be called selfish either. Babies born to adolescent mothers are more likely to receive inadequate prenatal care, have psychological problems, and are also more likely to have mental disorders. Therefore, these women are not just thinking of themselves, they are also thinking about the children. It would be more selfish to give birth to a child you could not raise than to have it aborted."

Besides the fact that there were no sources cited for these remarks, the author fails to provide any hope of assistance for children born to adolescent mothers. There are many government programs to assist mothers in need of resources such as WIC (Women, Infants and Children), and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). These programs provide food, nutrition counseling, job preparation, work opportunities, and access to health care for low-income families (see the following Web sites for more

information: www.fns.usda.gov/wic and www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/).

There is also no mention of alternatives to abortion, namely adoption. To expound upon this wonderful alternative to abortion, allow me to share my story. I was adopted when I was four days old. At the time of my birth, my biological father was 17 years old, and my biological mother was 16 years old. The ages of my biological parents clearly fall into that of the adolescent age range. Contrary to the author's stereotypical statements, I received excellent prenatal care. I was born a healthy baby. I had no psychological problems, nor did I have any mental disorders.

I believe my biological parents, though young and most likely immature, truly understood life to be a miracle. Although they knew that they did not possess the resources necessary to care for a newborn baby, they also knew that a lack of adequate resources and personal immaturity were not justifiable reasons to end a life, especially a life that they both consensually agreed to bring into this world. Note that "consensually agreed" doesn't necessarily mean "planned." Many children are not planned but are consensually agreed upon the moment two people enter into the act of sexual intercourse. The time for planning comes long before the act of sexual intercourse.

Although I know little more about my biological parents than their names and ages at my birth, I am grateful that they accepted responsibility for their actions and chose to give life instead of take it. They gave life to two wonderful, deserving parents, my mom and dad. They, like thousands of couples, longed for the opportunity to parent a child but were unable to do so because of biological reasons. Adoption was an answer to their prayers.

A human life is priceless. To abort a child simply because of financial reasons, lack of resources or bad timing can only be labeled as selfish. We must learn to take responsibility for our actions in accountable and appropriate ways, instead of doing only what is most convenient for ourselves.

Rebecca Toney Caldwell,
Student

Smokers need heated smoking area

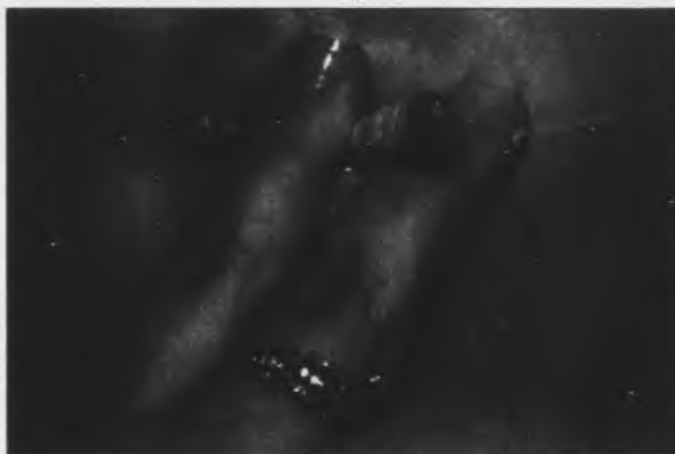


Marcie McDowell
My Turn

Students stand by the doors of learning, blowing polluted smoke clouds. Every building on campus is subject to this menace. Non-smokers suck in and hold their breath before entering sanctified clean halls.

I am one of those smokers. I watch the so-called healthy people scurry by. Sometimes, I try to melt shamefully back into a corner or nook of the building. Sometimes my partners in crime are there sharing secret smoker chatter. We eye each other and share grinning glances toward our pink-lunged intruders. The immediate area around the door is ours. If you must go to class, then you must pass by us.

It is especially fun to smoke outside of the Donovan Annex building. Model Elementary School is attached to this campus building, and the playground is directly in front of the main student entrances. Sure there are no-smoking signs placed by every door, but



Nathan Gray/Progress

we smokers will not be stopped by mere signs.

Children play duck, duck, goose, decide who their best friends are, dance, run and giggle in the afternoon sun while the evil smokers convene at the side of the building. Of course, we make some attempt at staying unseen, but the effort is poorly made. Since the playground has been extended, it would require too much of a hike for we smokers to truly hide from the little impressionable faces.

Heartfelt emotions are shared by all when a parent grabs their child's tiny hand

and walks in double step past us. We look away. Conversation momentarily halts. The parents scowl and load their child into an awaiting vehicle, where they can be safely carried away from our bad influence.

After the children have gone for the day, all attempts to obey the nonsmoking signs are abandoned. Cigarette butts adorn the sidewalks and ground around a bench at the playground corner. They serve as little tributes to our refusal to believe we are sharing this hollowed ground with the daytime rug rats.

It is one thing to force fresh adult airways through our second hand clouds, but exposing children is just blatantly wrong. Woe to the children.

There ought to be an enclosed refuge for smokers to indulge their habit beside the Donovan Annex. Airports have them, and so should Eastern. Rather than shivering through the winter with lit cigarettes in our trembling hands, we could relax in a nice, heated area catered just for us. The smoking shelter should have an air filter as well. A small room packed with smoke makes for a very odiferous student in the classroom.

In my utopia, every building on campus would have smoking lounges. The room does not need to be large, just a small shelter from the elements. A TV, some magazines, plenty of ashtrays and a comfy couch would be nice as well. Nonsmokers would be free from the death clouds they perceive as nasty. Smokers would be free from the scurrying nonsmokers quicken steps and sideways glimpses we perceive as nasty.

Marcie is a senior journalism major from Richmond. She is a photographer for The Progress.

Treating bi-polar disorder difficult

'Debra' walked into Bluegrass Comprehensive Care medical group one day, and the doctor asked how she was feeling. "Oh, OK, I guess," was the response.

"Have you been feeling suicidal?" the social worker asked.

Next came a long-winded response that eventually ended with "I guess I'll be OK."

A few weeks later came the miraculous day. The doctor said, "How are you feeling today, Debra?"

"Oh, like killing myself," came the reply. We all laughed easily because she had spoken the icebreaker comment. Now, we could relax, knowing she was in charge of her own illness.

The study of mental health disorders has undergone many upheavals since 1980 and again in 1989 when psychiatric treatment for MHD's was revolutionized with new medications that don't cause a person to become catatonic.

"Bipolar disorder, also known as manic depression, is characterized by extreme

changes in mood. Patients may alternate between deep depression and abnormal and persistent euphoria, or mania," said the National Institute of Mental Health on Psychiatry24x7.com.

"In children, the disorder is linked with sexual activity, failure in school and suicide. It is often misdiagnosed and treated unsuccessfully," concludes a study by Chicago University.

Brain Derived Neurotrophic Factor, or BDNF, is a gene that has been shown to help determine thinking and memory. This gene may cause a person to be vulnerable to bipolar disorder.

The study funded by NIMH concludes for the first time that it is possible for children to have bipolar or manic depressive disorder. It also means mental illness can be hereditary. Chemists who make drugs may turn to more exact engineering focused on the gene itself.

Most doctors would rather try psychotherapy before medication, especially with depression, which shares four

of five characteristics with schizophrenia and likewise bipolar disorder.

Twenty percent of all people commit suicide when they have this disease. Causes are linked to improper treatment and failure of the patient to seek help.

However, with bipolar disorder there are varying opinions on treatment, and few doctors agree on how to treat a disease, which, like the patient who "owns" it, comes in thousands of forms. We all have different personalities and treatment must be focused on the individual.

For those patients who do take medications for bipolar disorder, lithium is the most widely used drug. It works so well in fact that when one goes off the medicine it is alarming to experience the mood swings again.

I was off my medication for six months when I was admitted to St. Josephs Hospital. I was in a state of delirium when several nurses were asked to put me on a bed, strap me down and inject me with a

"cocktail" of Adavan, Haldol and Benedryl: I was psychotic, or experiencing racing thoughts, and soon fell asleep under the drugs effects.

Many I have seen experience the same thing for acting out and arguing loudly with nurses or patients.

Once back on lithium, I was OK. Some people would be fine isolated on a beach in the South Pacific with mood swings ranging from stubbornly morose to extravagantly happy, but few of us have that opportunity because most of us have to work for a living. In a perfect world, we would all be happy, normal people, and some folks can experience a high and come back down without hitting the dusty floor, but I just take my medication and allow myself to feel normal about it. I was just born with a high level of dopamine in my bloodstream. Lithium lowers the effects of dopamine and allows me to live more on the level.

Dan W. Smathers,
Alumni

'It is very possible to be both pro-life and pro-choice'

First, allow me to personally thank Mr. Scott Read for settling, once and for all, a debate that divides the medical and scientific fields today. It is nice to know that a student at Eastern has finally dictated when and where life begins. Thank you, Sir, I am sure all the doctors, scientists and political leaders will be relieved that you have shouldered that burden of responsibility for them.

Unfortunately, I cannot thank Mr. Read for furthering civility in the discourse over abortion, as he went so far as labeling another student "pro-death." As unfathomable as it may be to some, it is very possible to be both "pro-life" and "pro-choice." To say other-

wise is simply ridiculous and unnecessarily incendiary. I think we can all agree that the last thing the abortion debate needs is more rhetoric.

I, like Mr. Read, oppose abortion as simply a method of birth control. I believe the only way we are going to prevent such actions is by fostering attitudes of responsibility among people of the United States. What seems hypocritical is the fact that the same groups and organizations who rage against abortion are all-too-often the same groups and organizations that oppose increasing the availability of contraception and who fight against the implementation of realistic

education. All studies indicate that abstinence-based education simply does not work toward the intended goals. Young people continue to have sex and continue to have children. The sensible reaction in the face of such failure is to change tactics, but many Americans seem hell-bent on pursuing a policy that is ineffective just because the alternative makes us uncomfortable. If you want abortions to stop being used as a form of birth control, then teach people how to use birth control, and make it more readily available.

I applaud Mr. Read's conviction, but the truth is that abortion, much like most arguments is not

black and white. Most, reasonable people in the nation agree that abortion rights should be granted to victims of rape or incest or in cases where the mother's life is in danger. However, the vast majority of rapes and cases of incest go unreported. How are those women to prove that these events happened to them? How many doctors' opinions does a woman need to "prove" that her life may be in danger? Who decides whether a woman can or can't have an abortion? The courts? The legislature? You? In light of these realities, it seems that the only way to guarantee the right of such women to have an abortion is to guarantee the

right of all women to have an abortion.

"Pro-life" is a loaded term because it insinuates that those opposed to your views are "anti-life." I can assure you, Mr. Read, that I am neither "anti-life" nor "pro-death." I am simply a pragmatist who sees that there are very few moral absolutes when it comes to public policy. Life is not generally lived in black and white but in the grays that dominate our lives. As good as it may feel to occupy the moral high ground, that ground is often shaky and very often only an illusion.

Bret Baierlein,
Student

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SALUTING HEROES



Maj. Bill Adams, a World War II veteran and Eastern's first ROTC graduate, stands with Gov. Ernie Fletcher during a moment of silence honoring fallen soldiers Thursday.

Photos by Nathan Gray/Progress

Campus plaza honors Eastern war veterans

By TRACY HANEY
Managing editor

Most people refer to it as Powell Plaza, the area between the Powell and Wallace Buildings where the fountain and Meditation Chapel are located.

On Veterans Day, it was renamed Memorial Plaza during a ceremony unveiling a granite slate, which hangs in the plaza, dedicated to fallen veterans from Eastern's alumni and student body.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps alumni chapter was responsible for submitting the request for the memorial and the plaza's new name to the university.

According to Lt. Col. Brett Morris, former head of Eastern's ROTC program, the alumni chapter wanted Eastern to have a tribute to veterans honoring their service to the country.

"We often overlook the sacrifices people make," Morris said. "We don't want our veterans to be forgotten."

Morris added the alumni chapter also felt it important to add the memorial to cam-

pus because there is already a memorial dedicated to Kentucky police in front of the Funderburk Building as well as a firefighters memorial near the Ashland Lot.

Current head of the ROTC program Lt. Col. Chris Holly said the memorial is fitting for Eastern because "EKU has a really rich military tradition."

"I think it means a lot to them," he said of Eastern's alumni who served or are still serving in the military.

Holly added the plaque should always remain a fixture of Memorial Plaza but hopes the university won't have to add any more names to its list of fallen soldiers.

Looking back

Prior to receiving its new name last week, Memorial Plaza was known as Hanger Field. It was home of the Colonel's football team, formerly known as the Maroons, according to documents in Eastern's archives.

Constructed in 1936, Hanger Field could seat around 4,000 spectators and had lights for night games.

Circling the field was a cinder track, and there were also

living quarters for athletes beneath the concrete stands.

The field was named in honor of Harry B. Hanger, the late father of W. Arnold Hanger, who donated funds to build the field.

Many community events were held there such as Fourth of July firework shows, pageants, pep rallies and other gatherings.

The field was razed in 1968 in order to make room for the Wallace Building, Powell Building and the Meditation Chapel, according to the documents.

Moving forward

Morris said the ROTC alumni chapter would continue to make improvements to Memorial Plaza by adding planters, increased lighting and granite benches.

He said the university would also continue to look into refurbishing the fountain as a future project.

"Now that we've built it, we've got to take care of it," Holly said.

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Marine Corps veterans stand as Gov. Ernie Fletcher enters the Students Services Building auditorium.



Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson hugs Betty Pryse, whose son, William Price, died in the first Gulf War.



Gov. Ernie Fletcher addresses a crowd of veterans and students in the Student Services Building auditorium on Tuesday, as Maj. Bill Adams, an Eastern graduate in 1940, listens.

Accent



► Dig it

The women's volleyball team is the No. 1 seed for the OVC. Turn to Sports to find out all the details.

Sports / B4

Kasey Doyle, editor

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Stephanie Adamkin began compulsively buying shoes when she was in high school.

She admits she has a shoe obsession.

"I have a Napoleon complex," said Adamkin, a graduate student of clinical psychology from Louisville.

"I don't like to be short, so I buy shoes to make me tall."

Adamkin said she doesn't know the exact number of shoes she owns, but she has a walk-in closet full of shoes for every occasion.

"I could have a pair of shoes for each day of the month," she said.

Adamkin said when she goes shopping she usually ends up with "big, clunky shoes," but her favorite pair is fire-engine red stiletto platforms.

"I don't get to wear those very often," she said.

Pam Steele, manager of Shoe Sensation in Richmond, said women are associated with shoe fetishes because "women like to buy more shoes than men."

Charlie Roy, manager of Soft Shoe in Richmond, agrees.

"Women just enjoy having multiple pairs of shoes," Roy said. "It is just a fun thing they do as opposed to men."

Women are usually associated with shoe fetishes, but many men also share this fixation with footwear.

"Men are more secretive about it," Steele said.

Aaron Coney, a senior sociology major from Radcliff, is one man who admits to having a shoe fixation. He claims to have more than 50 pairs.

"I just love shoes," Coney said.

Coney said he began collecting footwear when he was a freshman in college. He said he would buy shoes to match his clothing, but now he buys clothing to match his shoes.

He said his mother and his brother also own numerous pairs of shoes.

Coney said although shoe shopping is "usually a woman thing," there are other men out there who share his fascination.

He considers his love of shoes an obsession.

"I look at everybody's shoes," he said. "It is a first-impression type

Stepping in Style

Students admit shoe obsession

Story by Kasey Doyle/Progress

thing. If you take care of your shoes, you take care of yourself."

Roy said he doesn't think shoe fetishes could be considered obsessions.

"I think there are more people obsessed with eating at McDonald's," he said.

Both Roy and Steele said their clearance sections are the most popular among shoe shoppers.

Roy said the low-priced shoes are always popular, and the \$19.99 department at Soft Shoe is "always full of customers."

"Price is just a huge issue," Roy said.

Coney also said price is a big issue when buying shoes, and he said it is harder for men to buy low-priced shoes than it is for women.

He said women can buy a nice pair of shoes for \$12 to \$20, but men usually have to pay at least \$50 for a good pair of shoes.

Coney admits to having spent up to \$130 for shoes.

He said Timberland and Nike shoes are his favorite brands, and he is looking forward to the new styles coming out this season.

Steele said boots are popular during this time of year. Ankle-high and knee-high boots are among the styles seen this season, and Steele said pink or tan Uggs, fur-lined boots, are also very trendy during the winter months.

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Around&About

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Megan Jones, editor

Dance Theatre to express emotion Poetry contest open to Eastern students

By MEGAN JONES

Around&About editor

Student-choreographed dancing, vivid lights and talented performers can only mean one thing.

The EKU Dance Theatre is back again this fall and promises to wow students, faculty and guests alike at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 at the Student Services Building Auditorium.

A special matinee performance will also be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the SSB.

Tickets are available at the door at \$5 per student and \$8 per non student. Seats may also be reserved by contacting the Richards Alumni House at 622-1260.

The Dance Theatre performs one show each semester featuring about 40-60 dancers.

Many of the dancers are students who are motivated to perform because of their passion for dancing rather than academic credit, said Marianne McAdam, director of EKU Dance Theatre.

"It is an extracurricular for all of us, and very few students are getting (academic) credit for it," McAdam said. "It's something we really have a passion for, and we really enjoy expressing ourselves that way."

Dance Theatre is an opportunity for students and faculty to creatively express themselves through dance, McAdam said.

"There's really no other outlet around here to do that," she added.

A few pieces from the Dance Theatre encompass emotions such as hope and the future. There will also be dances that will feature grade-school performers expressing the innocence of the young.

Students who choreographed the dances for Dance Theatre were moved by outside



Brooke Rasor/Progress

There are about 40-60 dancers who participate in EKU Dance Theatre each semester. This fall, the EKU Dance Theatre performance will be held at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 with a special matinee showing at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Student Services Building Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per student and \$8 per non student.

forces. Noelle Roberts, a senior psychology major, discovered that her father had melanoma cancer for 20 years and that it had spread to another part of his body.

Dance was an outlet for the pain from that discovery, she said.

The piece, "Phoenix," and the music, written by Roberts brother, will be performed together to create a sense of hope at Dance Theatre.

"A Child Shall Lead Us" is the first piece choreographed by Katrina Martir, a senior special-education major.

"Katrina Martir wanted to express how different cultures have uniqueness in their dances, but at the same time we're all the same underneath and that we need to celebrate our

differences and similarities and connectedness as human beings," McAdam said. "And children are the way to assimilate that."

The Dance Theatre does not receive budget funding from the university but is supported through ticket sales and Friends of Dance Theatre, individuals who donate to Dance Theatre.

Funds are used for student scholarships to summer dance workshops, guest choreographers and teachers, costumes for performances, lighting and sound personnel and equipment needed for the concert.

Students who are interested in Dance Theatre are encouraged to take PHE 250, a beginning dance technique class.

"The nice thing about our concerts is that there is a lot of

variety because we do both ballroom and artistic dances that encompass modern jazz, ballet or tap," McAdam said. "So we always have a lot of variety."

According to McAdam, most people who have not watched dance before love Dance Theatre.

"Most of our dancers don't have a lot of training," McAdam added. "Most start while at school, so it is impressive to people because they are not so far beyond what they can do, and yet they turn out fabulous, creative pieces that speak from the heart."

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Awards offer applicants publishing opportunity

By BOB FLYNN

Contributing writer

Eastern students who have always wanted to have their poetry published now have the opportunity. Christine Delea, an English professor, is now accepting entries for the second annual Doppel and Agatha poetry awards.

The winner of each award receives \$100, and their work will be published in Aurora, a student magazine published by the English and theatre departments.

Delea, the author of two books of poetry, said she started the awards to promote poetry at Eastern.

The contests are not just for English or creative writing majors but are open to all students who love poetry.

"You have nothing to lose," Delea said. "There is no paperwork to fill out, and who couldn't use an extra \$100 to buy Christmas presents or to pay some of those parking tickets?"

The Doppel award is for undergraduate students, and this year's theme is any interpretation of doppelgangers, doubling or "the other." The deadline for entry for the Doppel award is Dec. 1.

The Agatha award is for graduate students and the theme is mystery, which may be interpreted broadly. The Ag-

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—Christine Delea
English professor

atha award deadline is March 1.

The winners will be chosen by blind judging. The work is judged only on its originality, word play, imaginativeness and adherence to theme. The papers Delea will read will not have any names on them.

Students may submit one to three poems and should submit two copies of each poem. One copy should have no name on it, but the other copy should have the submitter's name, school and permanent address, phone number and e-mail address.

The entries should be in an envelope marked Poetry Awards and also indicate Doppel or Agatha on the envelope. All entries should be submitted to Young Smith in Case Annex room 395 and must be in by noon on the due date.

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Fax: (859) 623-3596
Traditional Service: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:40 a.m.
Blended Service: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Live: Meal & Christian Growth Opportunities 5:30 Meal
6:30 Bible Study
6:15-7:30 Teen Kid
Alpha: A Safe Place to Explore Christianity
5:30 Meal
6:30 Talk
7:15 Coffee Break
7:30 Small Group
Wednesday nights:
September 1: Alpha Dinner
September 8: 1st Alpha Meeting
Van Transportation available upon request.

First Alliance Church

1405 Barnes Mill Road
Phone: (859) 624-9878
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night
Prayer Group: 7 p.m.
College Cell Group
Thursdays @ 8:30 p.m.
College Age Fellowship
Activities:
Fall & Spring Retreats
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Sunday Traditional Service: 8:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Contemporary Worship: 11 a.m.

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Phone: (859) 623-5323
Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Family Night Supper (weekly & free)
Wednesday: 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
College Bible Study & Dinner:
Thursdays: 6:30 p.m.
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Call Jeff at (859) 248-6157 for more info.

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2301 Red House Rd.
Adam Dowley, Pastor
Phone: (859) 623-8471
College & Career Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
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129 Big Hill Avenue
Phone: (859) 623-1592 (office)
Phone: (859) 623-6600

(answering machine)

Sunday school: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 p.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Morning Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study,
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Sunday Supper: 6 p.m. (\$2.00)
Newman Night for all students:
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Web Address: www.eastside-baptist.com
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

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2336 Lexington Road
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Phone: (859) 624-8323
Wednesday Night Young Adult Ministry:
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service: 6:15 p.m.
Web page: http://lexingtonroadchurchofgod.homestead.com/YoungAdultsMinistry.html

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Sunday Bible School: 9 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m.
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Who's That?

Stephanie Schell, editor

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Double vision: Student ad model goes national

By **STEPHANIE SCHELL**
Who's That? editor

"There's this girl who looks just like you," is a phrase she hears often.

Well, it's not a girl that looks just like her, and it's not her twin. It is she, and her face is plastered all over National City ads around the county, state and country. Her name is Emily Campbell, and there is reason to do a double take.

This is Campbell's first semester at Eastern, and she is already making a name for herself in Madison County. A native of Lexington, Campbell attended Western Kentucky University and University of Kentucky before making her way to Eastern.

By growing up in Lexington and attending UK, she said it was time for a change. She came to Eastern to step out of her comfort zone and meet new people. She has met a lot of new people because of her recent national appearance.

"I don't know many strangers," Campbell said.

With the line of work Campbell has in mind, being shy is not ideal. Campbell is a broadcast news major with intentions of taking advertising courses along the way. Advertising is right up her alley in more ways than one.

Campbell is an advertising model. She is recognized through her first national and biggest gig yet — the National City ad with a life-size cutout of herself.

"I thought it was going to be a pamphlet," Campbell said.

To her and her family's surprise, it was not a pamphlet that lay on counters of National City banks around the community. It was a full-scale picture of her



Marcie McDowell/Progress

Emily Campbell has always loved to entertain. As a broadcast news major, she will have the opportunity to entertain as a career. For now, Campbell models when her schedule allows. She recently did a National City Bank ad that has gone national, literally.

and the National City gift card for the upcoming holiday season and for the nation to see.

Campbell's parents love the experience she is getting through ad modeling. She said her parents' screensaver on their computer is of Campbell's National City ad.

"They're so cute," Campbell said of her parents. "They love it."

Don't be blinded by Campbell's beauty; she is more than just a pretty face. Besides modeling, Campbell has acting and singing experience.

She has made the most of her experience with Images Modeling and Talent Agency, of which she has been a member since she was 14. Now

22, Campbell is Administrative Assistant/Modeling Instructor at Images.

She has earned many of her credentials through International Modeling and Talent Association. IMTA holds two conventions each year, one in Los Angeles in January and the other in New York in July.

According to IMTA's Web site, it a great opportunity for aspiring models and potential talent to showcase their skills in front of top fashion and talent agents from markets all over the world.

Campbell attended the convention in Los Angeles this year in which she received third runner-up in both Female Vocalist and Female Actress of

the Year at IMTA and fourth runner-up in theatrical headshot at IMTA.

This year in New York, Campbell was a make-up artist for the competing models and talent.

IMTA is an international organization. Thousands of talent and models from all over the world attend IMTA conventions.

An agent attending the IMTA convention in Los Angeles approached Campbell to suggest Heyman Talent, an agency out of Ohio. Through the agency, Campbell receives weekly offers for ad modeling opportunities. She often turns down jobs because of her hectic schedule. School is priority

Emily Campbell

Model behavior:
check out Campbell's credentials...

TV/commercial experience:

- Spike TV
- Lextran
- Toyota
- WKYT fashion seg
- Tourism TV ad

Jobs with Images:

- IMTA Make-up artist
- Photo shoot stylist
- Pageant coach
- National pageant judge
- IMTA award winner

If they choose to use her photo again for a different ad, they must pay her another usage fee of \$350. Heyman Talent gets a cut of her earnings for being her model agency.

As a child, Campbell said, she wanted to be an entertainer, but modeling as a career will not be the way she entertains the world.

"You lose privacy," Campbell said. "You're continually getting critiqued."

Campbell said she does not want to have to rely on modeling to pay her bills. Modeling on the side is ideal; she always wants to be able to enjoy modeling, not look at it as a task.

With broadcast news, Campbell feels she is able to entertain the world in a different way with a different kind of entertainment. Her interest in sports may lead her to sports coverage, but she wants to pursue news anchoring as a career.

She is currently taking acting lessons and still taking voice lessons, which she has done for about 11 years.

"You have to keep it up," Campbell said. "You have to be patient with the entertainment industry. You have to receive some type of training."

Campbell said some entertainers expect to just jump in the business immediately. It isn't likely to get picked up that way, but Campbell encourages those interested in getting involved with the industry in any way possible.

Check Campbell out by logging on to www.imagesmodelagency.com and clicking the staff icon. Her complete bio is on the site — and guys, she's single.

Reach Stephanie at stephanie_schell@eku.edu

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KINGS OF THE COURT



Matt Witt

Most talent in years, coach says

By Todd Purvis
Sports editor

Just when many spectators and fans were beginning to question which direction the men's basketball program was going, coach Travis Ford and the Colonels suddenly made a believer out of nearly everyone. Last year, Eastern had its best season during the Ford era with a 14-15 record and were 8-8 in league play, which led to a final-four finish in the conference tournament. After picking up a first-round win in the OVC tournament over Samford, the Colonels fell 62-57 to Austin Peay.

"I'm excited about this year," Ford said. "We ended up last year on a very good note; we made it to the OVC tournament in Nashville, which was a goal of our team last year, and we're hoping that last year's progression will carry over to this year's team."

Although hosting a home game and making it to the final four of the conference tournament was one of the team's goals last season, Ford and the Colonels are not satisfied with that success and are looking to make a run at a conference title this season.

"We really haven't accomplished what we want to," Ford said. "We want to make it to the NCAA tournament, and this is the first year that we think we have a chance to do it."

From last season's team, Eastern has lost two starters in Jon Bentley and Mike Scott but have added four freshman and three junior college transfers that are expected to step in and play a vital role in the team's success.

"This team is more talented than any team that I've had here," Ford said.

The freshmen could see playing time early in the season, based on how quickly they can pick up on the system.

"We've added depth; we have (four) freshmen that have really been competing everyday in practice," Ford said. "I think we've improved our basketball team in several different areas."

Other new faces added to the Colonels squad are junior college transfers Alonzo Hird, Zach Ingles and Jason McLeish.

Hird is the team's true center that transferred from Santa Fe Junior College. He is known for his excellent defensive skills and is a solid rebounder.

"Alonzo Hird is probably the best big man defensively that I've ever coached," Ford said. "Alonzo has really made his presence known defensively in practice already."

Ingles is shooting guard that transferred from Pasco-Hernando Junior College, where he is known for his outstanding ability to score, both from behind the arc and by his ability to get to the rim.

"Zach is one of the better scorers that I've coached," Ford said. "He can really shoot the basketball, and he can really create his own shot, and he is going to add instant offense to our basketball team."

McLeish, a transfer from Westchester Junior College, will also be an asset to the team for his ability to score and his ability to play defense.

"Jason McLeish is one of the quicker guards that I've coached," Ford said. "He can

really pressure the basketball."

Losing only two starters from last year's team, the Colonels return most of their offense and are looking to build off of the team chemistry that they developed late in the season and are searching for their first winning season in 11 years.

Of the returning players for the Colonels, junior All-OVC guard Matt Witt will lead the team as both the leading scorer and as the point guard. Last season, Witt averaged 15.6 points and 5.5 assists for Eastern.

"Matt Witt is our point guard; he is our leader of our basketball team," Ford said.

"Matt Witt is a true talent, he's a young man that can control a basketball game."

Also leading the Colonels in the backcourt will be senior guards Ben Rushing

and Austin Newton.

Rushing averaged 9.6 points per game last season off the bench and is a threat on the perimeter when he's on the floor.

"Ben Rushing is out right now, but he'll be back in the middle of December, but he's really shown great leadership," Ford said.

Newton is a four-year player for the Colonels who shows excellent leadership and is a solid backup point guard.

"Austin is showing great senior leadership on our team this year," Ford said.

The returning force in the post for the Colonels is senior forward Michael Haney. Last season, Haney averaged 11.4 points and collected 6.3 rebounds for Eastern. This season marks the fourth-straight season that Haney has been a starter for the Colonels.

"Michael Haney is playing the best basketball of his career, because he's healthy right now," Ford said. "Michael Haney is ready for a great year."

Another solid post player who returns to the Colonels lineup is sophomore forward Mike Brock. Brock averaged 2.3 points and 1.4 rebounds a game for Eastern last season.

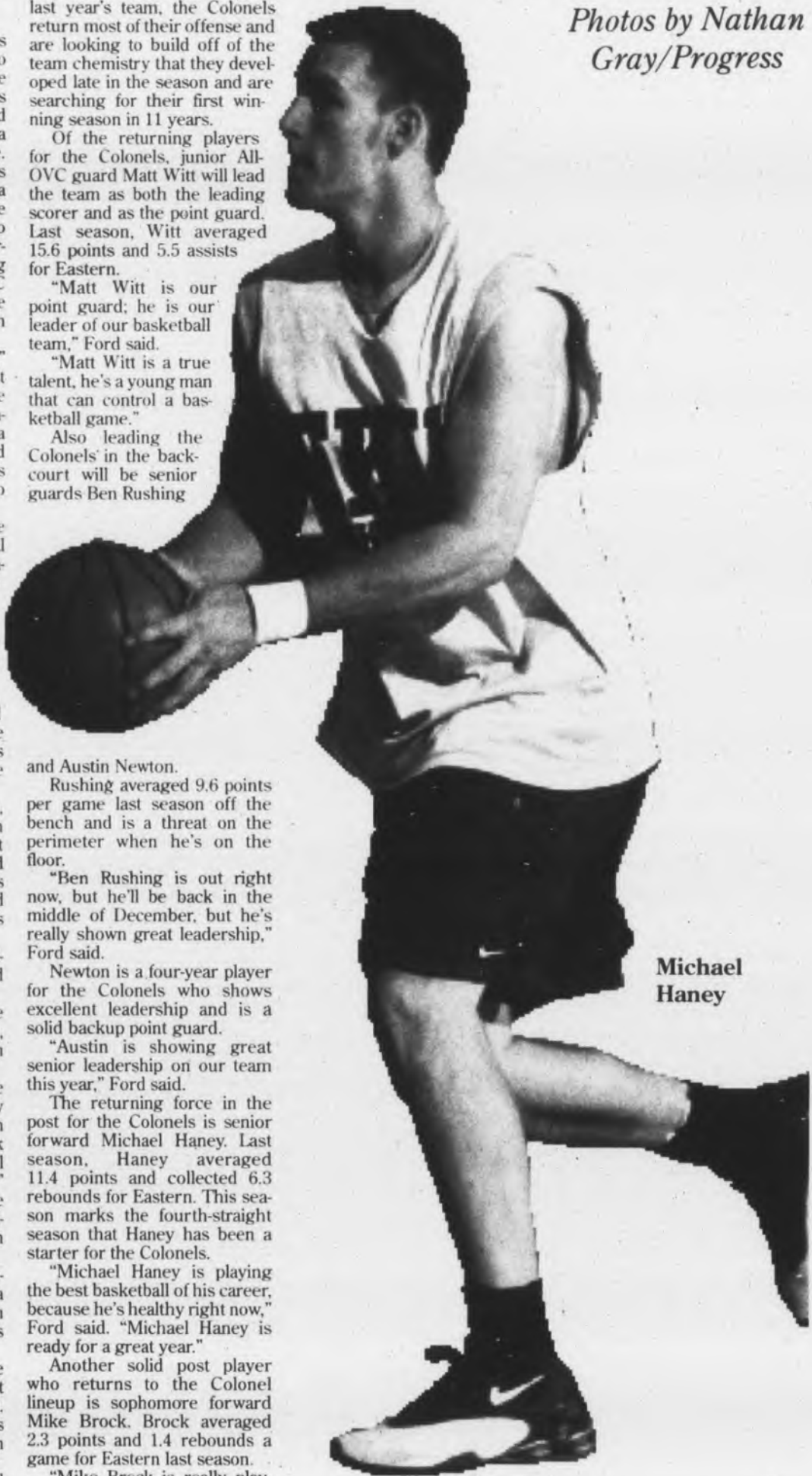
"Mike Brock is really playing well in the post right now," Ford said.

Also joining Eastern from last year's squad is sophomore guard Julian Mascoll. Mascoll started 20 games for the Colonels last season and is known for his athleticism and defensive skills.

Coming into this season, the Colonels have been picked as the third best team in the conference behind Murray State and Tennessee State.

"Being picked preseason third in the conference shows some progression in our program," Ford said. "It really doesn't mean anything because it's where you end up its not where you start, but I

Photos by Nathan Gray/Progress



Michael Haney

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	Dayton	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	Webster	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	Mt. St. Joseph	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Savannah State	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Coastal Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Western Kentucky	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Robert Morris	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Greenville College	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	Savannah State	TBA
Dec. 22	Florida	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	Louisville	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	*UT Martin	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	*Murray State	8:15 p.m.
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March 4	OVC Semifinals	TBA
March 5	OVC Finals	TBA

* OVC games
Home games in bold

think it's the highest that our men's team has been ranked preseason in a very, very long time."

To prepare for this year's solid conference competition, the Colonels have put together a very strong non-conference schedule that consists of teams such as Dayton, Florida and Louisville.

"We use the game against Florida and the game against Louisville to really see where our team stands," Ford said. "We use these games to get great experiences and to play in great environments. These teams really exploit your weaknesses."

In addition to Eastern's rough nonconference schedule, it's conference schedule is difficult as well, but Ford is confident that his team can compete.

"There are five teams in the conference that have very, very good basketball teams, and I think we're one of them," Ford said.

Eastern tips off its regular season on the road this year at 2 p.m. Sunday with a trip to Dayton, Ohio, to take on the Dayton Flyers. The Colonels return home Tuesday night at 7:30 to host Webster.

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3	Zach Ingles	G	6-2	190	Jr.	Gowen, Mich.	23	Julian Mascoll	F	6-5	200	So.	Clearwater, Fla.
4	Stephen Gabbard	G	6-4	185	Fr.	Annville	30	Jason McLeish	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Queens, N.Y.
5	Bubba Long	G	5-10	160	Fr.	Owensboro	31	Mamadou Diakhate	F	6-4	220	So.	Manhasset, N.Y.
10	Ben Rushing	G	5-11	175	r-Sr.	Clinton	32	Brandon Moore	F	6-4	190	So.	Huntington, W.Va.
11	Austin Newton	G	5-8	165	Sr.	Campbellsville	33	Alonzo Hird	F	6-9	205	Jr.	Deland, Fla
12	Matt Witt	G	6-0	180	Jr.	Tipp City, Ohio	35	Michael Haney	F	6-6	221	Sr.	Madisonville
15	Michael Brock	F	6-7	225	So.	Independence	44	Ryan Wiersma	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Newark, Ohio

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

Women set sights on OVC title

By Todd Purvis
Sports editor

After knocking on the door of an OVC championship last season, the Lady Colonels are looking to feed off last season's successes and are hoping to get the extra boost from their experienced front court to capture their first conference title in seven years.

"We knocked on the door last year, and as long as we keep knocking on the door, hopefully that door is going to open," coach Larry Joe Inman said. "And that's our goal this year, we're going to open that door this year."

Although Eastern finished last year's season in second place, after the 65-51 loss to Austin Peay in the conference championship, the Lady Colonels won't be satisfied until they have proved that they are one of the top teams in the country.

"Our goal is to win an OVC championship and then a national playoff," Inman said.

The Lady Colonels return four of five starters from last year's squad and should be a force in the OVC once again.

"We return a lot of experienced post players," Inman said. "I feel like our strength is our post game and our experience."

Last season, Eastern lost one of the top players in the conference in guard Katie Kelly. Kelly scored 17 points and handed out 2.8 assists per game for the Lady Colonels last year.

"Katie was a special player," Inman said. "It's going to be hard to replace her."

Although the Lady Colonels lost their leading scorer, they return four seniors from last year's team.

"With our seniors, we bring a wealth of experience to our team," Inman said. "All of our seniors started at one time last year."

Leading the way for Eastern is the team's second-leading scorer from last season, senior center Pam Garrett. The Lineville, Ala., native tossed in 8.5 points per game last season and averaged 5.2 rebounds per game for the Lady Colonels.

Also leading Eastern in the post is senior forward Miranda Eckerle. Last season Eckerle averaged 8.1 points and 4.2 boards a game.

Another senior who will be handling the duties in the backcourt will be senior guard Candis Cook. Cook averaged 6.8 points 3.9 rebounds and 2.2 assists last season.

"We've told CC (Candis Cook) that it's her time to step up and do what she's capable of doing," Inman said. "I think she can get the job done."

The Lady Colonels are also led by senior Ashleigh

Huffman. The senior forward averaged 2.9 points and 1.4 rebounds per game last season.

With the Lady Colonels proving to have a solid post game this season, their backcourt also returns a key element to the teams success, in junior point guard Laura Shelton.

The team's lone Kentucky native scored 7.6 points a game and handed out 3.3 assists a game last season.

Another junior who will play a key role for the Lady Colonels this season is forward Louisa Pierre. Pierre averaged 1.6 points a game last season for Eastern.

Forward Fatai Hali'api'api will lead the sophomore class. Hali'api'api scored 4.7 points, collected 3.1 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game last season.

"Fatai played great for us last year; she carried us along at times in the tour-

pete at the top level to be at the top level," Inman said.

Although the nonconference schedule is going to be tough, Inman hopes that it is a schedule that will prepare his team for a very tough conference schedule.

"We play a really tough schedule this year," Inman said. "This year's schedule may not be as tough as last years, but it's a schedule that should prepare us for what has to happen, and that is to get ourselves in a position to win an OVC championship and be

in the national playoffs."

In Eastern's lone preseason game this season, the Lady Colonels defeated Sports Reach by a score of 77-60.

Eastern's first regular season contest will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Alumni Coliseum against Radford in the Comfort Suites Classic. Both the consolation rounds and championship rounds are scheduled to take place Saturday.

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Laura Shelton



Pam Garrett

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 19	% vs Radford	6:00 PM
Nov. 20	% vs Consolation	12:00 PM
Nov. 20	% vs Championship	2:00 PM
Nov. 22	at Western Carolina	7:00 PM
Nov. 26	!at Florida State	8:00 PM
Nov. 27	!vs Appalachian State or Miami (OH)	
Dec. 5	at Southwest Missouri St.	3:10 PM
Dec. 9	at Indiana State	5:30 PM
Dec. 18	\$vs Iowa State	
Dec. 19	\$vs Northern Arizona or UNLV	
Dec. 29	^vs Morehead State vs. Longwood	
Dec. 29	^vs Southern A&M	7:30 PM
Dec. 30	^vs MSU vs. Southern A&M	
Dec. 30	^vs Longwood	4:00 PM
Jan. 6	*at Tennessee-Martin	6:30 PM
Jan. 8	*at Murray State	6:15 PM
Jan. 13	*at Austin Peay	6:15 PM
Jan. 15	*at Tennessee Tech	6:30 PM
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March 1	vs OVC Tournament	TBA
March 4	vs OVC Tournament	TBA
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% EKU Comfort Suites Tip-Off Tournament

! Seminole Classic - Tallahassee, Fla.

^ EKU Comfort Suites Classic - Richmond, Ky.

\$ UNLV Duel in the Desert - Las Vegas, Nev.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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2004 Women's Basketball Roster

NO	NAME	POS	HT	CL	Hometown
5	Fatai Hala'api'api	C	6-1	So.	Lahaina, Hawaii
10	Louista Pierre	F	6-1	Jr.	Miami
11	India Wood	G	5-7	Fr.	Athens, Ala.
12	Laura Shelton	G	5-5	Jr.	Munfordville
14	Jennifer Patterson	G	5-7	Fr.	Etowah, Tenn.
15	Ashley Cazee	G	5-8	Fr.	Martinsville, Ind.

20	Miranda Eckerle	F	6-0	Sr.	Brookville, Ind.
21	Ashleigh Huffman	G	5-10	Sr.	Poca, W.Va.
22	Tamika Bowers	G	5-9	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
23	Nancy Hoist	F	6-0	Fr.	Captain Cook, Hawaii
33	Tamara Arnold	G	5-6	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.
40	Kiejon Johnson	G	5-10	So.	Miami
42	Candis Cook	F	5-11	Sr.	College Station, Texas
45	Pam Garrett	C	6-1	Sr.	Lineville, Ala.

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Junior middle blocker Liz Guard spikes a ball in Saturday's victory over Austin Peay State University. With the victory, the Colonels

secured the No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament. The OVC tournament begins Saturday and will last through Monday.

Spikin' to victory

Volleyball team finishes regular season on top

By BRANDON ROBERTS
Sports writer

Eastern's volleyball team is co-champion of the Ohio Valley Conference and is the No. 1 seed for the tournament after a pair of victories this past week. The wins also make the Colonels tournament hosts.

Eastern's first win came on the road with a 3-1 win at Morehead State.

"We knew coming in that the Morehead game on the road was going to be tough," coach Lori Duncan said. "I was pleased with the way our kids handled the atmosphere there."

Eastern (25-4, 15-1), paced by senior Lesley Aldridge, who recorded 23 digs and 11 kills in the win, also had help from the hitting of junior Liz Guard, who hit .593, and sophomore Kasha Brozek, who hit .538.

Guard moved past former Colonel Amy Merron and into sole possession of third place on Eastern's all-time attacks list with 66.

Eastern fought from behind to earn victories in the first two games and lost a close third game.

A 30-27 victory in game four gave Eastern the match.

A 20.29 digs-per-game average ranks Eastern second in the nation. However, MSU held Eastern to only 58 digs over the four-game match.

Freshman Brittany Nobilio led the Colonels in the match with 18 digs followed by sophomore Jessica Sabath.

Eastern vs. APSU

In what was arguably the most important game of the season, Eastern welcomed Austin Peay into McBrayer Arena on Saturday.

The Colonels earned a 3-2 victory over APSU and secured the position of OVC co-champ and the overall No. 1 seed in the OVC tournament.

"Austin Peay was very ready," Duncan said. "We knew the last two teams we played weren't just going to let us cruise into the championship."

Eastern rallied from a 2-1 deficit after the first three games to tie the match at 2-2. Eastern then went on to win games four and five and secure the match.

Aldridge had 28 kills and 34 digs in the effort. Her 34-dig total in the match moved her past Becky Galati as Colonel's all-time leader in digs.

Guard had 21 kills and four blocks in the win, and freshman Amy Arlighaus had 18 kills, which tied her career high.

Sophomore Kelly Jennings added 15 digs, and her 74 assists is her new personal best.

Nobilio's 34 digs were also her personal best and marked her sixth 30-plus digs match of the year.

Eastern stood at a six-point advantage early in game one. On two separate occasions,



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Freshman defensive specialist Brittany Nobilio digs one of her 34 balls in Saturday's 3-2 win over Austin Peay.

APSU pulled within a point but were never able to take the lead and the Colonels went on to a 30-26 victory.

APSU evened up the score in game two with a 30-28 victory, riding two Eastern service errors to claim victory, then went ahead 2-1 in the match by winning game three.

Eastern then captured game four by a score of 30-21 to tie up the match at 2-2.

The decisive game five was played to a 13-13 tie before Eastern scored two unanswered points to win the game 15-13 and the match 3-2.

"In game five, we were down 11-7 and in a spot where it's either step up or we'll be going to Charleston, Ill., for the OVC Championships," Duncan said. "We fought and fought until we

gained control of the game and ultimately the match."

The rare five-game match for the Colonels set new season highs for them in kills, 85, and in digs, 131.

"Our kids know they can be down 11-7 and still win the game — and that's the key," Duncan said. "The pressure is on us. We are all 0-0 going into the weekend, and it's win or go home."

The 2004 OVC Volleyball Championships will take place Nov. 20-22, in Richmond. Eastern's first match will be Saturday at 8 p.m. when they will play the winner of No. 4 seed Southeast Missouri and No. 5 seed APSU.

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Brooke Rason/Progress

Women's soccer coach Lindsay Basalyga is looking forward to being the first women's soccer coach in school history.

Women's soccer coach hopes for successful start

By ARTHUR LEWIS
Assistant sports editor

What if you had an opportunity to be head coach of an athletic team in its inaugural season? For most people, this is a dream too far removed from reality. But for Eastern's first Women's soccer coach, Lindsay Basalyga this is reality.

"This is a dream come true," Basalyga said. "Not too many coaches can say they've helped to start a program from scratch."

Basalyga was hired in September by former Athletic Director John Schaffer while working as Toledo's assistant coach of the women's soccer team. She was at Toledo for four seasons.

Although the team doesn't have any players yet, Basalyga has been proactive in her attempts to build a solid program. She has spent many exhaustive days and nights watching films of recruits, taking recruiting trips and trying to organize Eastern's first official soccer team. She expects to have a graduate assistant around May.

Basalyga just received her first commitment Monday. About 10 club soccer players have contacted Basalyga with interests of joining the team. She hopes to assemble a team of 25 players but will settle for 18 if it means not sacrificing talent.

"I want to have an athletic

“Not too many coaches can say they've helped to start a program from scratch.”

—Lindsay Basalyga
Women's soccer coach

team with great soccer sense," Basalyga said. "Eventually, I hope to get blue chip players."

Until this year, Eastern was one of two schools in the OVC that did not have a women's soccer team. Basalyga appreciates University Joanne Glasser's acknowledgement for Eastern's need for the sport due to the demand and growth of women's soccer.

"The sport is growing, even in Madison County," Basalyga said.

During her soccer career at Maryland, she was a midfielder and forward who brought creativity and technical soundness to her team. She plans to bring the same attitude to the first women's soccer team during her coaching career at Eastern.

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Colonels wrap up season with trip to Tennessee Tech

By TODD PURVIS
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With all but one game left on the schedule for the football Colonels this season, coach Danny Hope's squad comes into this weekend's contest in a must-win situation.

"We've still got a chance to finish at the top of our conference," Hope said. "It's a big game for our football team. We expect our guys to be ready."

Providing that Eastern can go on the road and drop the Golden Eagles of Tennessee Tech this Saturday, and if Jacksonville State were to lose to Southeast Missouri State, the Colonels have a chance at getting a share of their first conference championship since 1997.

Eastern comes into the contest looking to pick up its third-straight win in as many games, which would lead to 27 straight winning seasons for the team. The Colonels are currently tied for second in league play with a conference mark of 5-2 and an overall record of 5-5.

"It's unfortunate that our re-

cord isn't as attractive as it is," Hope said. "We've got a heck of a football team."

Last weekend, Eastern downed the Tigers of Tennessee State by a 29-14 margin in its last game at Roy Kidd Stadium this season.

Tennessee Tech is currently fourth in the conference with a league record of 3-3 and an overall record of 6-4 on the season. The Golden Eagles come into this weekend's game looking to snap a three-game losing streak with their last loss coming to Southeast Missouri last weekend by a score of 41-38 in a game that was decided in overtime.

"Tech is a really good football team," Hope said. "They're not one-dimensional on offense; they do a little bit of everything."

The battle between the two conference rivals will be the 61st time the two teams have played since they first met in 1937. Eastern leads the all-time series 44-16.

The Colonels look to get a lift this weekend from senior tailback C.J. Hudson. Hudson

has rushed for 1,156 and eight touchdowns so far this season, and with his 132 yards last weekend over Tennessee State, he eclipsed the 4,000 career rushing mark at Eastern. The senior is currently third on the all-time rushing list with 4,102 yards for his career in Eastern.

With Guice still suffering from a nagging shoulder injury and Greco's ankle injury in last weekend's game, the Colonels' third-string quarterback Adam Ellis could get the first starting nod of his career this weekend.

"Guice will not be available, and right now we're optimistic about Greco, but Ellis has really developed," Hope said. "He's starting to get arm strength back, and he's starting to execute better."

The Eastern defense will be tested once again this weekend, as they face the third-best passer in the conference in Robert Craft. Craft averages 224 passing yards per game and has thrown 13 touchdowns this season.

Leading the way for the Golden Eagles ground attack will be junior running back

Trey Bonner and sophomore running back Derek White. Bonner averages 71 rushing yards a game and has scored seven touchdowns this season while White averages 63 rushing yards per game and also has found the end zone seven times this season on the ground.

Colonel junior linebacker Jerome Jones leads the way for the Eastern defensive unit with an average of ten tackles per game and has managed to record 12.5 tackles for a loss, two sacks, one forced fumble and one blocked kick this season.

Senior safety Pierre Wright averages 9.1 stops a game while he has also tallied 7.5 tackles for a loss, four sacks, six interceptions, two forced fumbles and four blocked kicks this season for the Colonels.

Kickoff for Eastern's last contest of the season is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Tucker Stadium in Cookeville, Tenn.

"Everybody has to step up this weekend; it will take a team effort to win," Hope said.

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Junior linebacker Jerome Jones (left) and senior tackle Derrick Hill stuff Tennessee State's running back Charles Anthony. Anthony rushed for 158 yards and two touchdowns against Eastern.



Above: Senior running back C.J. Hudson carries the ball on one of his 25 attempts in Saturday's 29-14 win over Tennessee State. Hudson rushed for 132 yards in the game, which put him over the 4,000-career-rushing-yard mark at Eastern.

Right: Freshman defensive back Derrick Huff and junior cornerback Tremayne Perkins celebrate after a Perkins interception last weekend. Perkins also tallied four stops in the game.



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Colonels tame Tigers

Hudson, Barber boost Eastern over Tech 29-14

By Todd Purvis
Sports editor

Although last weekend's conference battle showcased the two top running backs in the league in C.J. Hudson and Charles Anthony, it was heroics of freshman Kyle Barber that lifted the Colonels over Tennessee State, 29-14.

Early in the fourth quarter, following a Tennessee State touchdown, which narrowed the Colonels lead to 22-14, Barber responded by taking the ensuing kickoff 97 yards to the pay dirt to push Eastern's lead up to 29-14, with 14:14 left in the final stanza of play.

"It was a great return that had many great blocks," coach Danny Hope said. "It was one of the best-blocked kick returns that I've ever seen."

For Barber's performance against the Tigers, he was named National Player of the Week by Hanson's Weekly Football Gazette and was named OVC Special Teams Player of the Week.

"Kyle is a heck of a special-teams player that is always a threat when he returns kicks," Hope said.

Even though Barber's explosive return proved to be one of the key plays in the game, the Colonel offense was led once again by the stellar performance of Hudson. The senior carried the ball 25 times for 132 yards and two touchdowns in the game and led the team with four receptions for 47 yards.

"The difference-maker in the ball game was C.J. Hudson," Hope said. "C.J. really took the game over in the first half."

After the Colonel defense forced the Tigers to a quick three and out on their first possession of the game, Eastern marched downfield and punched the ball into the end zone on its first drive. After the Eastern offense picked up several first downs on

the drive, Hudson broke a 31-yard touchdown run with 8:48 to play in the first quarter, which gave the Colonels the early lead of 7-0.

The 31-yard touchdown run pushed Hudson over the 4,000-career rushing yard mark here at Eastern.

Following the Colonel touchdown, the Eastern defense stepped up once again and forced the Tigers to punt the ball away, setting up another Colonel touchdown.

Eastern drove the ball downfield very convincingly once again and found the end zone when junior fullback Brandon Rosser drove the ball across the goal line from one yard out, giving the Colonels a 13-0 lead.

"We started the game off clicking on offense," Hope said. "The first two drives we had we took it down the field and scored, and I was excited about what I was seeing."

On the extra point attempt, the Tennessee State defense jumped offsides, which set up a two-point conversion attempt for Eastern on the Tiger one-yard line. From the one, sophomore wide receiver Lewon Lurry connected on the conversion attempt to extend the Colonel lead to 15-0 with 34 seconds left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, freshman quarterback Josh Greco was sidelined with an ankle injury, which brought in junior quarterback Adam Ellis.

"Once again, our team was faced with adversity, and everyone played as hard as they could play," Hope said. "We kept playing hard and found a way to win the game."

After an idle second quarter, Tennessee State scored first in the second half, as the league's top rusher began to heat up. Anthony gave the Tigers their first score of the game when he plunged the ball into the end zone from one yard out, which brought the Eastern lead to 15-7 with 8:24 left in the third quarter.

Although Anthony found the end zone for the first time of the evening, Hudson proved that he wouldn't be outdone when he scored his second touchdown of the game on the ensuing drive. On Hudson's third consecutive rush attempt of the drive, he

broke another long run for a touchdown, this time from 47 yards out, which extended Eastern's lead to 22-7 with 6:37 left in the third quarter.

As fourth quarter play began, the Tiger offense proved to have one big play left in them when junior defensive lineman Frantzy Dorlean sacked Eastern quarterback Adam Ellis, and forced him to fumble the ball. The fumble was recovered by junior lineman Earnest Jones on the Colonel one-yard line.

It took only one play for Anthony to find the pay dirt for the second time of the contest, as he cut the Eastern lead to 22-14 with 14:29 left in the fourth quarter.

Following the Tennessee State score, Barber fielded the kickoff, found a seam up the middle and was off to the races. The freshman recorded his first-ever kickoff return for a touchdown, which couldn't have come at a better time for the Colonels. The touchdown extended Eastern's lead to 29-14, which would eventually go final, giving the Colonels their second-straight win.

In addition to Barber's big return and Hudson's phenomenal game, Eastern was led by senior linebacker Justin Rivers and senior safety Pierre Wright.

Rivers led the team with 12 tackles, six solos and one tackle for a loss.

Wright picked up his sixth interception of the season and tallied 11 stops in the game, six of which were solos and one sack in the game.

Anthony rushed for 158 yards in the contest against the Colonels for two touchdowns.

"We shut down their All-American running back to 26 yards in the first half," Hope said.

The Colonels wrap up their season this weekend, when they travel to Tennessee Tech to take on the Golden Eagles. If Eastern can beat Tennessee Tech this weekend, they still have a shot at getting a share of the conference title.

Kickoff for the game is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Tucker Stadium in Cookeville, Tenn.

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Cross country teams finish season with regional meet

By ARTHUR LEWIS
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Both Eastern cross-country teams fared well in the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships in Greenville, N.C.

The men tied for 11th place with Appalachian State, beating their in-state rivals Kentucky and Western Kentucky, while the women took 15th place in their competition.

Although neither team advanced to the NCAA championships, freshman Jacob

Korir's stellar performance advanced him to the championships.

Korir came in sixth place with a time of thirty minutes and twenty one seconds in the 10K.

"I'm happy ... I clocked my best time," Korir said.

Korir spoke of the learning experience that this race brought him and how his strategy of starting the race too strong is something that he will change for the championships.

"It pays to stay with the pack until you know who to break for," Korir said.

"It's important to save energy as long as you can."

During the men's race, injury struck the Colonels as junior Steve Maina was unable to finish the race because an illness he was battling.

"It didn't turn out to be what are expectations were, but that's reality," junior James Machungo said.

The Lady Colonels finished without their dominant runner, Wendee Embry, as she did not compete in the race.

Despite these circumstances, both teams showed great resilience in their final race of the season.

The women finished 15th out of 25 teams and were pleased with their performance.

They pulled together to finish the season on a strong note.

"We definitely showed improvement from our OVC performance," junior Shannon Tobias said. "You could tell that we were a team."

Overall coach Rick Erdmann felt optimistic about the women's youth and their chances for next year.

He praised their cohesiveness as a team.

"They ran as a pack," Coach

Erdmann said. "I was not disappointed."

Except for Korir, both teams will take a week off to relax before the start of track season for the cross-country runners.

In preparation for Korir's bid for collegiate supremacy, he's been running 40-minute runs, the 400m and 800m and running a lot on various roads.

Even some of his teammates are helping him to prepare by running with him.

"He's in a really good position," Machungo said.

Soon all of the cross-coun-

try team will make the transition to the track.

Coach Erdmann discussed the impact that cross-country runners running track has on them.

"Track makes them better cross country runners," Coach Erdman said. Eastern's first track meet will be at the University of Kentucky Invitational on Saturday January 15.

Eastern's first track meet will be at the University of Kentucky, Jan. 15.

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Giving thanks for little things

Because this is the last issue of The Progress before Thanksgiving break, I thought I'd take the time to write about what I'm thankful for.

Sure, I'm thankful for my family and friends and all the usual stuff, but deep down my true thankfulness is saved for very special things.

For instance, I'm thankful for the dollar menu at Wendy's. I'm broke, and when I'm hungry nothing sounds better than a meal for \$3.15.

I'm also thankful for good Samaritans and jumper cables. Apparently, I have a mental block when it comes to turning off my headlights in the morning.

Believe me, your battery will be dead in a matter of a couple of hours when your lights are on, and it's nice when a kind stranger in the parking lot stops to help.

Passengers in my car, as well as myself, are thankful for volume control. When I'm belting it out along with Christina and Mariah, loud music is a blessing.

Ben & Jerry's is also close to my heart. I don't know what I'd do if I didn't have the most fattening, sugar-loaded ice cream to eat when I'm stressed, depressed, happy or just bored.

And every holiday, nothing cracks me up like the dancing, musical stuffed animals in every Wal-Mart and Target.

It's the little things in life I'm truly thankful for because it's the little things that make me happy.

This Thanksgiving don't forget the little things no matter how stupid or insignificant they might seem because usually in life when you start to take something for granted you lose it. And where would we be without the things we love?

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'Halo 2' causes campus craze

By CINDY HELD
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Groups of students on campus have been congregating in dorm rooms for hours since Nov. 9, but they're not there to study.

They've gathered together to immerse themselves in the gaming world since the release of the much-anticipated Xbox video game "Halo 2."

In the first 24 hours the game was available for sale on its release date of Nov. 9, the total revenue was estimated at \$125 million.

Aaron Sams, a senior history major, and Aaron Ballard, a junior fitness and wellness major, are two students and residents of Clay Hall who were anticipating the release.

"I'd say we play at least three hours a weekend," Sams said. "Probably more than that."

Sams pre-ordered his copy of "Halo 2" for around \$50 from the on-campus computer store.

"Halo 2" is what is known as a first-person shooter game and is based around the story line of an alien civilization, called the Covenant, trying to attack Earth. The player's role is to protect the planet.

There are several objectives for players depending on which course of action is chosen.

One of the key features for Sams is the multiplayer feature that allows up to 16 people to play at once. He also likes the fact that the game is available on Xbox Live.

Xbox Live is a feature that allows players who connect their game units to the Internet and have a subscription to play against other subscribers anywhere in the United States and in 24 other countries.

"Because ('Halo 2') is on Xbox live, I can play it over the Internet," Sams said. "My brother lives in West Virginia, and through this game I'm able to play him."

Brian Bacelieri, an employee of Blockbuster Video in Richmond and a junior engineer major at Eastern, said the game was very popular on its release date at the store.

"It was a pretty big demand but not as big as everybody thought," Bacelieri said.

He said the store had 23 copies of "Halo 2" on its release date and all were rented that day.

Bacelieri also said the main demographic renting the games were males of high school and college age.

Sams agreed that men are the main users of the game and also thinks tournaments have become a common occurrence on campus.

Tournaments are when groups of players meet at a certain location or



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"Halo 2" hit stores Nov. 9 and gained \$125 in sales. Its release has been anticipated by "Halo" fans including many students on campus.

through Xbox Live to compete against each other in the game.

"At least once a month, you see some sort of tournament going on whether it's 'Halo' or college football," Ballard said.

"We get people together a lot to play in the dorms," Sams said. "We don't really call it an official tournament."

The original "Halo" also seems to bring a large fan base to its successor.

Both Sams and Ballard owned the first version of "Halo," and Sams said most of the people he knew who owned the first game now had the second.

Whether "Halo 2" has created a gaming frenzy on campus, it's safe to say fans are pleased.

"It's awesome," Ballard said. "I'd definitely give it an A."

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'Polar Express' steams into theaters

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Warner Brothers' "The Polar Express" opened in theaters last Wednesday and was the number two movie at the box office last weekend, bringing in \$23.5 million.

The G-rated movie is based on Chris Van Allsburg's children's book "The Polar Express." The story follows a young boy who doubts whether Santa Claus really exists. He wants to believe, but everything is telling him the North Pole and the magic aren't real.

Then, while asleep in his bed on Christmas Eve, a train steams down the road outside his house as though

it's scheduled to pick him up.

The steamer is headed to the North Pole, and on the ride the boy begins to believe again and makes some new friends on his adventurous journey.

When the train finally arrives at its destination, the boy realizes that seeing really is believing and takes with him the true magic of Christmas.

The animation is computer-generated in a way that makes the characters look very realistic in the face. This look also makes the characters appear a little creepy because in trying to achieve that reality, the kids have a robotic quality to them that just doesn't

look right.

Tom Hanks stars in the movie and plays a total of five roles. I questioned whether or not you would be able to tell the characters apart, but Hanks does a good job giving each role its own personality.

In all, Hanks plays the boy, the father, the conductor, the hobo on the train and Santa Claus.

The sceneries and graphics of the train ride are by far the best parts of the movie. Any child or adult at heart can't resist the chills and thrills the boy encounters.

The characters, however, don't have names, which I found odd and distancing. You don't seem to connect with

them.

The story line is also very simple and lacking plot, which is appealing to young children but hard for adults to stay interested.

Overall, "The Polar Express" is an endearing story that tugs at the heart of anyone who believes in Santa or anyone who remembers believing in Santa. It just doesn't have that recipe for a great Christmas movie.

I give "The Polar Express" three out of five palettes.

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